

Legislative Host Information 2005
Placement Week November 15-19, 2004

Office Name: U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Resources
Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans, majority staff

How many total staff are in your DC office? (Select one option, mark with X)

1-5	
6-10	X
> 10	

Have you previously hosted a Sea Grant fellow (Select one option, mark with X)

Yes	X
No	

If yes, how many Fellows have you hosted? 8

Does your office only accept United States citizens? (Select one option, mark with X)

Yes	
No	

Office Overview

Brief Overview of Your Office's work: (Please limit to 150 words.)

The focus area will be fisheries and marine mammal issues related to legislation under the subcommittee's jurisdiction. Responsibilities involve moving legislation through the process between introduction and being signed by the President into law. This typically involves researching the issues, staffing hearings, writing documents including briefing papers, memos, the Member's statements for the hearings, markups, and the House floor, and writing letters of request or statements of opinion from our Committee Members.

Assignment Description.

Estimated Fellow Out-of-Office Frequency: (Select one option, mark with X)

0 days / month	
1-3 days / month	X
4-7 days / month	
8-10 days / month	
> 2 weeks / month	

Desired Background Skills: Please list. (e.g. strong written / oral communication skills, knowledge of Microsoft PowerPoint software, etc.).

Strong verbal and written communication skills.
It is very helpful to be able to explain scientific concepts to those who do not have a scientific background, and to be able to explain complex issues in one or two pages.
Basic computer literacy is necessary.

Please list the House/Senate offices & committees with which you work closely.

House Resources Committee	Congressman Jim Saxton (NJ)
Congressman Wayne Gilchrest (MD)	Congressman Walter Jones (NC)
Congressman Don Young (AK)	Senate Commerce and EPW Committees

In 300 words or less, please describe the tasks, duties, or projects the fellow will undertake, the skills a fellow will gain, and the deliverables a fellow can expect to produce from completing these tasks.

The Fellow will be involved in all aspects of the office's work including interacting with and briefing Members and staff, and developing legislation in response to requests from a variety of Member offices. The Fellow will work with the staff of the Subcommittee, the staff of the Full Committee on Resources, staff and Members that sit on the Committee, a variety of agency personnel, interested representative of the commercial and recreational fishing communities, the environmental community, academic institutions, scientists, and other interested constituents.

The Fellow will be involved in developing topics for hearings, developing background information for the hearing, staffing the actual hearing, and helping with follow-up requests after the hearing.

The Fellow will also be involved in developing concepts for legislation, drafting legislation, and following the legislation through the process to potential enactment.

The Fellow will have the ability to attend conferences on a variety of topics within the Subcommittee's jurisdiction both within the U.S. and internationally. The Fisheries Subcommittee has jurisdiction over all international fisheries agreements and conventions, so the Fellow will have the opportunity to work on issues affecting the world's oceans and fisheries. Our staff attends a number of international meetings and the Fellow will be encouraged to join us.

While the Fellow will have the same duties as the rest of the legislative staff, this year is expected to be a learning experience for the Fellow. Our experienced staff will work with the Fellow and the amount and type of work will depend on the abilities and comfort level of the Fellow.